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NATION'S 15 MILLION VOTERS WILL GO TO POLLING STATIONS TO VOTE FOR NEW HOUSE TODAY

Long-Awaited Election Day Is Here at Last

10,079 CONTENDERS

All Concerned Urged to Cast Ballots in Patriotic Manner

HOME CHIEF BROADCASTS

Today is Election Day.

The nation's 15,000,000 voters have an opportunity of assisting in the construction of the foundation of a structure which will enable the nation to bring the War of Greater East Asia to a victorious conclusion.

The polling stations will be open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

There are 10,079 contenders for 466 seats in the House of Representatives.

These candidates are divided into two groups, candidates recommended by the Imperial Rule Assistance Political Structure Council, a body made up of leaders in various fields of endeavor, and "free" candidates, who did not have the assistance of the Council in their campaign battles.

Among the candidates are "new" or men who have not sat in the House of Representatives before.

A portion of this group of candidates had the benedictions of the Council.

There was no issue in the election campaign.

All candidates, no matter whether they had the blessings of the Council or not, were in complete agreement about matters of policy of any importance.

Eagerness Shared by All

The "free" candidates were as eager as the candidates recommended by the Council to see returned in the general election a House made up of men shot through with a spirit of sacrifice for the country in the present emergency.

The consensus of opinion among observers whose opinions on the political situation carry immense weight was that whatever House is returned as a result of today's election will make sure of giving the fullest measure of cooperation to the Government in overcoming the problem of insuring a successful execution of the nation's policy for consummating the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere which is the objective of the war in which the nation is engaged.

The nation today has an opportunity of deciding the delicate question of the order of patriotism of the new members of the House.

All newspapers of Tokyo came out on Wednesday morning with appeals to voters to exercise their rights in a manner which will leave the world in no doubt that nothing will stop Japan in carrying on the war until America and Britain have been completely crushed.

Yuzawa's Broadcast

Home Minister Michio Yuzawa, directly responsible for a proper conduct of general election, went on the air Wednesday night, appealing to the nation's voters to use their rights so that a fresh and vigorous House of Representatives will be returned.

He said that the Government hoped great things of the election. He expressed the conviction that the result of the election would be such as to make it perfectly clear to the world that the nation's 100,000,000 people are united in resolution to bring the War of Greater East Asia to a completely satisfactory conclusion.

Significance Stressed

In a nation-wide broadcast from JOAK at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Soho Tokutomi, famous political commentator and historian, declared that, the Diet of Japan is a Diet for the assistance of the Imperial Rule and consequently the suffrage in this country means the right given to the nation for aiding the Imperial Rule.

Salient features of his speech, taken from the Yomiuri, follow:

"It is 53 years since the Diet was established in Japan. During this period the Diet session was opened 70 times and the general election held 20 times. No election, however, has ever been more significant than the coming one.

"The next election is going to be held just at the time when Japan has successfully completed the first stage of the gigantic work of establishing the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. Needless to say, therefore, the members of the House of Representatives to be elected in the coming election should be fully qualified to bear this great burden imposed upon the Japanese people.

"One thing I should like to call public attention to is that Japan is a country governed by His Majesty the Emperor. The prerogative of

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Pro-Japan Sentiment Mounts in Argentina; Donations Are Made

An indication that pro-Japanese feeling in the Argentine Republic is mounting with the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia was revealed in a report sent by the Japanese Ambassador in Buenos Aires, Baron Shu Tomii, to the Foreign Office disclosing the presentation of 760 pesos by four Argentines for some useful purpose, reports Domei. It was revealed that the monetary gifts will be used for soldiers' benefit.

YAMASHITA EXHORTS CITIZENS OF MALAYA

As New Subjects of His Imperial Majesty, They Must Build Greater East Asia

EMPIRE'S IDEALS STRESSED

Peace and Justice Will Return With Elimination of Anglo-U.S. Influences

Domei

SHONAN, April 29.—On the auspicious occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor today, Lieutenant-General Tomoyuki Yamashita, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in Malaya, today issued the following statement urging citizens of the peninsula, as new subjects of His Majesty the Emperor, to redouble their efforts for the reconstruction of East Asia.

"We are filled with emotion in greeting the auspicious occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor in Malaya where the first ray of hope for reconstruction of East Asia began to be shed following commencement of rehabilitation work. Especially it is a matter of congratulation and significance that we together with the people of Malaya, the new subjects of His Majesty the Emperor, celebrate the auspicious occasion of the Imperial Birthday.

"In looking back on the history, the national polity of our country is of dignity unparalleled in the world. The Empire has been founded, on a basis broad and everlasting, under the line of Emperors unbroken for ages eternal. His Majesty the Emperor in accordance with the oracle of the Imperial Ancestors rules the subjects with the Imperial benevolance broad and endless, while the subjects numbering 100,000,000 serve the Throne with hearty loyalty. In other words the essential beauty of our national polity really lies in loyalty of the subjects to the Throne and in the indissoluble tie of love between the child and parents.

"The lofty ideal of our country is to place all people on their respective proper business and all countries to their proper places. Such a policy is based on the just and fair basis unparalleled in the annals of the world.

"In looking back on the annals of the world, the prosperity of the Western civilization since the 18th century caused rise of materialism, making light of justice. Britain, the United States and the Netherlands enriched their own property at the cost of the Orient by throwing our fellowmen into distress.

"Under such circumstances, the Empire has been obliged to take the sword to release East Asia from the yoke of Britain and the United States. Japan already has saved China from the yoke of Britain and the United States and dispatched troops to Southern Regions for a similar purpose. Following elimination of the influence of Britain and the United States a new order is now on the way for this part of the globe and the day will come in the near future when a peaceful area will be established on the basis of the rule of right. However, it is no easy task to achieve the lofty object and establishment cannot be gained from idleness."

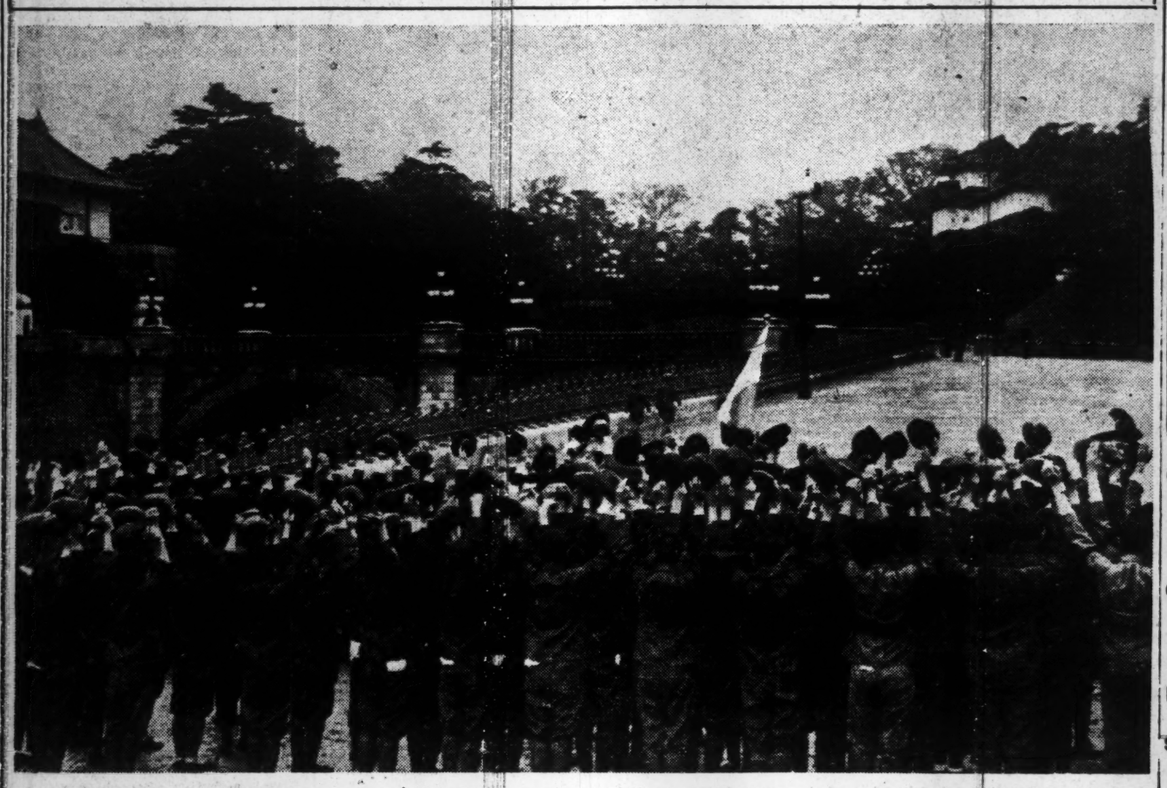
In conclusion the Supreme Commander urged the people, as new subjects of His Majesty the Emperor, to redouble their efforts for establishment of a lasting peace based on justice, by overcoming various difficulties and hardships.

Italian Prisoners Return

Domei

ROME, April 28.—Some 100 ill and wounded Italian soldiers, who were exchanged with British prisoners of war at Smyrna, Turkey, returned safely to Italy today aboard the Italian hospital ship Bradi.

Banzai for His Imperial Majesty



The entire nation Wednesday, on the glorious occasion of Tencho-Setsu, His Majesty the Emperor's forty-first birthday, prayed for His Imperial Majesty's longevity. From early morning crowds streamed to the plaza in front of the Imperial Palace to worship. Here, standing respectfully in front of the Nijubashi, one group of worshippers is seen giving hearty Banzai for His Imperial Majesty after offering prayers for His health and long reign.

INDONESIAN PEOPLE GIVEN MANY FAVORS

Japanese Supreme Commander Issues Proclamation on Occasion of Tencho-Setsu

TO AID NATIVE POPULACE

War Prisoners Willing to Cooperate With Japanese to Be Disbanded

Domei

BATAVIA, April 29.—Indonesian war prisoners, if found amenable to Japanese military administration, will be disbanded to join their families by the Japanese authorities, it was learned today when Lieutenant-General Hitoshi Imamura, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in the East Indies, on the occasion of the Birthday of His Imperial Majesty issued a proclamation extending various favors toward the native population throughout the former Dutch colony.

Other favors granted by the Japanese authorities include the following:

1. The Japanese authorities will perpetuate the memory of those Indonesians who died while fighting on Japan's side, and will extend financial relief toward their bereaved families. Memorial services will be held for the Indonesian non combatants who were killed during the recent hostilities.

2. Those innocent Indonesians who had been placed under custody for anti-Dutch actions will be liberated.

3. Those natives who wish to participate in the creation of a New Asia in cooperation with the Japanese will be given the opportunity to develop their respective talents.

4. Hospitals and other medical facilities will be made available for the native population.

5. Indonesian grammar schools will be increased.

6. Those place names in the East Indies which are particularly reminiscent of the former Dutch tyranny will be abolished in favor of new ones.

Proclamation Issued

Domei

BATAVIA, April 29.—The Administrative Department of the Japanese Forces in the East Indies, as previously made known, issued a proclamation pertaining to the establishment of various offices to handle the treasury, taxation and monopoly affairs, on the auspicious occasion today of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor.

According to the proclamation, a local treasury control bureau, a central transfer remittance bureau and a local treasury bureau were opened and assumed their business today to take care of the treasury accounts, taxation offices, tax accounting offices, local bureau of land revenue and its branches, export import duties-consumption tax local bureau and its branches to handle

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36 Chinese, Malayans, Indians in Shonanto Honored for Meritorious Service to Japan

Domei

SHONAN CITY, April 29.—In recognition of their meritorious services rendered to the cause of the Greater East Asia War, 36 Chinese, Malayans and Indians were rewarded today on the auspicious occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor.

All of them distinguished themselves in lending assistance to the Japanese in the establishment of a new order in East Asia. One of those rewarded, Liang Hsien-yuan, one of the leaders of the peace movement sponsored by President Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking Government, has contributed much toward the establishment of a new order in East Asia.

Keeping in close contact with the Japanese Consulate-General, he, as writer of editorials for the Chinese edition of the Singapore Daily News, distinguished himself in educating his fellowmen of the lofty ideals of the movement, despite severe persecution.

On the charge of suspicion that he was affiliated with the Japanese authorities, Mr. Luang was arrested and detained by the British authorities. Since the Japanese entry into Shonan City he has made every possible effort for restoration of peace and order here in cooperation with the Japanese Forces.

Huang Tasan, as one of Liang's lieutenants, led peace movements and distinguished himself in obtaining various information of the British forces.

As an expression of appreciation, Yu Ching-chu, another of those honored, has contributed to the Japanese authorities $217,000 on various occasions since the fall of Singapore.

Foreign News Spotlight

Exclusive Flashes

U.S. SUGAR RATION EIGHT OUNCES A WEEK

LISBON, April 29.—The retail sale of sugar in the United States was prohibited after midnight Sunday.

The general public will be able to obtain sugar next week only under a strict rationing system which limits each person to eight ounces a week. The shortage of freighters plus the extreme hazards of traversing the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean to Cuba and Hawaii and the complete loss of the Philippines are pointed out as the chief reasons for the imposition of this rationing.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR CRISIS GROWS WORSE

SAIGON, April 29.—Bitter claims for skilled laborers by the Australian army and industries deepened the gloom of Australian labor circles as the acute shortage of man-power was emphasized.

Reports by the Australian Broadcasting Company intercepted here revealed complaints by the army authorities for the extreme shortage of skilled mechanics who were being enticed into industrial plants by tempting high wages offered by large plants.

This new problem has come on the heels of the recent report of the shortage of labor to harvest crops, to shear wool as well as to fill positions emptied by the wide-scale military and labor conscription laws.

U.S. MONOPOLIZING KEY ALLIED POSTS

STOCKHOLM, April 29.—The increasing number of American military and naval officers being placed in the key posts of Allied command in all theaters of war has created grave concern in British political circles in London.

Hitherto, English commanders had been holding the pivot positions in directing Allied strategy, criticized one responsible British official, but today the United States has gained a monopoly on most of these posts. The replacement of General Wavell by General MacArthur was inevitable, but the appointments of Lieutenant-General Brett as chief of the Allied air force in the Southwestern Pacific, Vice-Admiral Leary of the Allied naval units in the same area, Vice-Admiral Gormley of the New Zealand forces, and more recently, Major-General Charles Burnsfield over Anglo-American troops in Iceland have subordinated British command. Furthermore, he pointed out, Lieutenant-General Stillwell, as chief of staff of the Chungking army, gives America practically complete control of military units in the important theaters of war.

TENCHO-SETSU FETE IS OBSERVED IN P.I.

Whole City of Manila Celebrates Birthday of His Imperial Majesty

HOMMA ISSUES STATEMENT

Islands Steadily Reconstructed as Member of East Asia Co-Prosperity Bloc

Domei

MANILA, April 29.—With the Rising Sun flag hoisted at every door, the whole city of Manila today celebrated the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

The occasion was duly celebrated by the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in the Philippines, the Philippine Administration, Japanese schools and various Japanese corporations.

The entire Philippine Islands steadily have been reconstructed as a member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, Lieutenant-General Masaharu Homma, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in the Philippines, declared in a statement issued today on the auspicious occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

The statement in gist follows:

"The officers and men of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in the Philippines wish to join the 100,000,000 subjects of the Japanese Empire and the people of the Philippines in celebrating the auspicious occasion of the birthday of His Imperial Majesty, the first to be observed under the War of Greater East Asia.

"Due to the august virtue of His Imperial Majesty and loyalty of our officers and men, Anglo-American influences are now wiped from the entire Philippines and the islands now have been reconstructed as a member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, which is a matter of greater pleasure for us.

"I am filled with deep emotion to be able to say 'Tencho-setsu,' or the Birthday Anniversary of His Imperial Majesty, as a national celebration day of the Philippines to renew our awe of the Imperial prestige.

"We firmly believe that the peoples in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere will enjoy their respective places guided by the spirit of the Imperial Way and push forward for the promotion of peace and their welfare.

"It is, however, regrettable that some people, unable to grasp the true intentions of the Empire, are still continuing resistance in remote districts. It will not be before long that a fatal blow will be dealt to them.

"It is sincerely hoped that the people of the Philippines, fully appreciating the significance of the current War of Greater East Asia and the development of the situation, will strive for the construction of a new Philippine Islands in cooperation with the Imperial Forces."

ENTIRE NATION OFFERS PRAYERS FOR HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY ON GLORIOUS DAY OF TENCHO-SETSU

Parole Is Granted To 226 Convicts On Tencho-Setsu

On the auspicious occasion of Tencho-Setsu, the forty-first birthday of His Majesty the Emperor, on Wednesday, the Justice Ministry announced the release on parole of 226 convicts in 53 penitentiaries throughout the country, reports Domei. Parole was granted due to their good conduct. The prisoners left their respective jails early Wednesday morning.

JAPANESE IN E. ASIA FETE TENCHO-SETSU

Ceremonies for Occasion Held In Occupied Territory, On Battlefield

HOMAGE PAID TO THRONE

Subjects in Co-Prosperity Area Honor Day—Army in Burma Pauses in Advance

Tencho-Setsu was observed on Wednesday throughout the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere by Japanese subjects, reports Domei.

Japanese troops and people in the occupied territories throughout the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere from the far-flung garrisons down south to the lonely outposts in China formally observed the Birthday of His Imperial Majesty by reverently bowing toward the Imperial Palace and giving three "Banzai" for the health and longevity of His Imperial Majesty.

In Medan, troops of the Japanese garrison and 80,000 people of the city solemnly observed the occasion at 10 a.m. Under the direction of the head of the Japanese Military Administration, the Japanese national anthem was sung, followed by three "Banzai" for His Imperial Majesty.

In the afternoon the citizens paid visits to the Army hospital to cheer the wounded soldiers and express their thanks. Throughout the city in the squares "Aikoku Koshin Kyoku," the Patriotic March, was played, while joyous shouts of "Nippon Banzai, Indonesia Banzai" could be heard continually in the streets.

Similar scenes were observed in Palembang, Padang, Kuta Raja and other towns and villages throughout Sumatra, where the inhabitants displayed the Rising Sun flag in front of their doorways in honor of the occasion.

On the Burma front under the scorching rays of the sun, Japanese troops paused between their ceaseless marching and battles to bow reverently toward the Imperial Palace. At 10 a.m. Lieutenant-General Shojiro Iida, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in Burma, and his staff solemnly observed the occasion at their front-line headquarters.

In Peking 100,000 Japanese, including reserve soldiers, students, company employes and Government officials held ceremonies at the Peking Shrine in observance of His Majesty's Birthday. In far-off Mongolia ceremonies of felicitation were held, and three "Banzai" given for His Imperial Majesty.

In Hanoi, French Indo-China, Ambassador Kenkichi Yoshizawa, and Japanese garrison troops bowed reverently toward the Imperial Palace and gave three "Banzai" for His Imperial Majesty in observance of the occasion. Countless Japanese flags fluttered in the breeze of this quiet city.

In Nanking General Shunroku Hata, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces in China, and all Japanese troops garrisoned in the city observed the day with ceremony.

At the Japanese Consulate-General in Nanking, solemn ceremonies were held at 9 a.m., Japanese residents also observed the occasion at the Daiichi National School, and at 11:30 a.m., an athletic event was held with the Japanese soldiers.

New Tobacco Tax Passed

C.P.S.

NANKING, April 17.—The special temporary tax on rolled tobaccos will represent a monthly increase of $10,000,000 in the revenue of the National Government, according to an authoritative estimate. The imposition of the said tax was decided upon at the 107th meeting of the Executive Yuan, effective as from April 15.

Rites Are Solemnized At the Imperial Sanctuaries

FORTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

Princes and Princesses of Blood Tender Congratulations at Palace

TANK UNITS STAGE PARADE

Prayers for His Majesty the Emperor were uttered by the people throughout Japan and in Greater East Asia on Wednesday, the occasion of His Imperial Majesty's forty-first birthday.

His Imperial Majesty's 100,000,000 subjects turned to the Imperial Palace with bowed heads at 8 a.m. and prayed silently for a long life for His Imperial Majesty.

From early morning, a steady stream of persons arrived in the plaza in front of the Imperial Palace to offer prayers for the longevity of His Imperial Majesty.

The usual military review was not held because of the muddy condition of the Yoyogi parade ground owing to Tuesday night's rain.

Rites were solemnized at the three Imperial Sanctuaries in the Imperial Palace during the morning.

The rites were held at the Kashikodokoro, Koreiden, and Shinden, which form the three Imperial Sanctuaries.

The Sanctuaries were decorated by Tadanao Daigo, assistant Chief Ritualist, with the assistance of other court ritualists, and offerings made.

Prince Kinteru Kujo, Chief Ritualist, then recited a Shinto prayer.

At 10 a.m., His Imperial Majesty, in ancient ceremonial costume, entered from the Ryoki Hall.

His Imperial Majesty took the Imperial Seat in the inner hall of the Kashikodokoro, offered a branch of the sacred tree, and worshipped.

Next, His Imperial Majesty proceeded to the Koreiden, and worshipped there. He also worshipped at the Shinden.

The ceremony came to an end with homage being paid by a limited number of court officials, who arrived after His Imperial Majesty's withdrawal from the Sanctuaries.

Shortly after 11 a.m., His Imperial Majesty met Their Imperial Highnesses Princesses Teru, Taka and Yori, all Imperial children, who had come to offer felicitations to His Imperial Majesty after Their Imperial Highnesses had attended the ceremony in celebration of the Imperial Birthday at the Girls' Department of the Peers' School.

Audience Granted

Later, His Imperial Majesty received in audience Tsuneo Matsudaira, Imperial Household Minister, Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Admiral Saburo Hyakutake, Grand Chamberlain, and General Shigeru Hasunuma, Chief Aide-de-Camp, who expressed their congratulations to His Imperial Majesty.

At 11:50 a.m., His Imperial Majesty appeared at the Phoenix Hall and met Their Imperial Highnesses Princess Chichibu, Princess Takamatsu, Prince and Princess Mikasa, and other Imperial Princes and Princesses from whom His Imperial Majesty received congratulations.

Then His Imperial Majesty proceeded to the audience chamber, where He received the felicitations of court officials.

At noon Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress, it was understood, sat at the same table with the three Princesses of the Blood.

From 2 p.m., His Imperial Majesty granted an audience to Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, Vice-President of the Privy Council, and a number of persons who were in close attendance upon His Imperial Majesty, and honored them at tea.

From 7 a.m., people arrived at the plaza in front of the Imperial Palace to pray for the longevity of His Imperial Majesty.

Congratulations Offered

Two hours later, privileged persons began to arrive at the Imperial Palace. They entered by Nijubashi to offer their congratulations on this auspicious occasion of the Imperial Birthday.

In the crowd of worshippers in front of the Palace were observed relatives of the fallen war heroes who had come for the Extraordinary Grand Festival of the Yasukuni Shrine.

As the morning wore on, troops of the X unit came in a column and by turns worshipped in a specified space in the Imperial Palace plaza.

Domei noted that every group of His Imperial Majesty's subjects was represented in the crowd of worshippers in front of the Imperial Palace. There were officials, school children, students, office workers,

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THAI MISSION CHIEF VOWS COOPERATION

Nation Will Fight to Last to Smash Enemy, Says General Phya Phahol

MAKES STIRRING BROADCAST

Points Out Relations With Japan Now Stronger Than Ever Before

The firm and immutable resolve and determination of Thailand to fight to the last to annihilate the common enemy, was stressed by Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol Pholphayuhha Sena, head of the visiting Thai Congratulation Mission, in a 20-minute radio address to the Japanese people Tuesday evening.

The head of the visiting mission stated that friendly relations between Japan and Thailand might be traced back many centuries ago and that they have become closer and closer in recent years.

He pointed out that the relations of actual cooperation between the two countries have become particularly visible since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, in which Japan is endeavoring to liberate Asia.

Supported by Nation

The Government of Thailand, headed by Premier Luang Pibul, and supported by the whole people of Thailand, concluded the Treaty of Alliance with Japan in order to further cement friendly and cooperative relations with Japan for coping with the present critical moment in the history of Asia, the visiting Thai statesmen declared.

The step was a real expression of the strong will of Thailand and Japan to respect the independence of each other and to cooperate in the gigantic mission of bringing true peace and prosperity to Asia, he said.

Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol then stated that Thailand has cooperated with Japan in all phases of Japan's activities for the attainment of the Co-Prosperity and Co-Existence Sphere in Asia.

The soldiers of Thailand have taken up arms to help Japan attain real and perpetual peace in Asia, he said, and they are proud of it.

The Chief of the Mission next expressed hearty gratitude for all the kindnesses shown by the Government, the fighting services and the people of Japan, and expressed assurance that the members of the Mission would remember forever the fond recollections of the present visit to Japan.

Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol concluded his radio address by expressing his eager wish for the future prosperity of Japan and the sound growth of friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and Thailand.

Premier Gives Banquet

An official banquet welcoming the visiting Thai Congratulation Mission, headed by Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol Pholphayuha Sena, was given by Premier General Hideki Tojo at his official residence Tuesday evening.

The party was attended by all the members of the mission and H. E. Nai Dierk, Thai Ambassador as well as Tsuneo Matsudaira, Imperial Household Minister; Dr. Yoshimichi Hara, President of the Privy Council; Count Yoriyasu Matsudaira, President of the House of Peers; Admiral Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, General Senjuro Hayashi, Seihin Ikeda, Teiji Tsubokami, Japanese Ambassador to Thailand. Members of the Cabinet, including Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, the Navy Minister, were also present.

In honor of the Thai Congratulation Mission, a luncheon party was given Wednesday at the Dai Toa Kaikan, formerly the Tokyo Kaikan, under the auspices of the Federation of Japanese interests in Southern Regions.

Delivering a welcome speech, Matsuzo Nagai, Vice-Chairman of the Federation, stressed the importance of close relations between Japan and Thailand for the establishment of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

This address was duly replied by Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol.

The party was attended by more than 90 persons, including members of the Thai Mission, Nai Direck, Thai Ambassador, Teiji Tsubokami, Japanese Ambassador to Bangkok, Haruhiko Nishi, Foreign Vice-Minister, Hideichi Sako, former Ambassador to Poland, Komanosuke Sasaki, President of the Oriental Development Company, Aiichiro Fujiyama, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Japan, Hisanobu Terai, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and General Kuniaki Koiso, former Overseas Minister.

The Thai Mission from 6:30 p.m. Wednesday gave a dinner party in honor of high Government officials including Premier General Hideki Tojo at the Imperial Hotel.

The party was attended by about 300 prominent persons including State Ministers, Generals and Admirals.

Lieutenant-General Phya Phahol Pholphayuha Sena, chief of the Thai Congratulation Mission, on behalf of the mission, expressed profound thanks for the efforts of the Japanese Government to strengthen the alliance between Japan and Thailand, and also for the warm welcome accorded to the mission by the Japanese people.

In response, Premier General Tojo stated that both the Government and the people of Japan feel reassured to see Thailand in high spirits under the leadership of Premier Luang Pibul Songgram.

Expressing his respects for the devoted effort of Thai patriots including Premier Pibul and members of the Thai Mission which had contributed to the steady growth of Thailand, Premier General Tojo promised that Japan will extend every assistance to Thailand to further her prosperity.

Tanks Parade on Tencho-Setsu

One of the events staged in the capital on the auspicious occasion of Tencho-Setsu Wednesday, was a parade by Tank Units. Starting from the Yoyogi Parade Ground, one unit, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Ikoma, proceeded to Kameido via Aoyama, Roppongi, Hamamatsucho, Shimbashi and Morishitacho. The other unit was under the command of Colonel Kurushima and took a course along Koshukaido, Shinjuku, Kudan, Ueno and Asakusa Park. The unit above is seen near the Yasukuni Shrine. (Censored by War Ministry.)

NEW GUINEA ACTION ENTERS LAST STAGE

Observers Point Out North Australia Now Faces Great Danger

With the smooth progress of naval operations in Molucca and the western part of New Guinea, Japanese naval operations in that area have reached their final stage, observers here declared, according to Domei.

Simultaneously, these quarters pointed out that northern Australia has been exposed to great danger.

Already, various important sectors in Molneca and western New Guinea have been placed under Japanese control, these circles stated.

Since the beginning of naval operations in this area on March 31, Japanese Naval Forces, up to April 19, have seized large stores of gasoline, raw cotton and other materials.

A total of 124 war prisoners were taken as well as 715 rifles, 68,300 rounds of ammunition and other war materials, it was pointed out.

When unrestricted efforts are directed to develop various fields of industry New Guinea is bound to become a treasure land of, the southern regions. This is the opinion of Fumiyo Saito, adviser to the South Sea Development Corporation, who has inspected the northern half of the western New Guinea several times.

Receiving the press, Mr. Saito described the existing conditions in the northern area of the western New Guinea, centering around Sarmi, to the following effect:

"Establishing an office at Sarmi on the northern shore of the western New Guinea, my company began the cultivation of jute on a vast field of some 1,200 acres in the neighborhood. The results are proving very good as this district enjoys favorable weather with normal rainfall.

"The town of Sarmi is populated by about 500 Portuguese residents, and is provided with a town office and a primary school.

"When a vessel enters the port of Sarmi, a festive atmosphere reigns over the town, as natives and overseas Chinese come flocking there in canoes from neighboring villages in order to exchange goods with merchants who come by ships.

"Prospective oil fields are located in the hinterlands some 500 miles away from Sarmi and also along various rivers, including Bididi River."

Pointing out that energy has been concentrated by Japan for long years of development of these oil resources, Mr. Saito asserted that the Japanese occupation of the western half of New Guinea has guaranteed bright prospects for the oil industry there.

Entire Nation Fetes Emperor's Birthday

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factory hands, farmers, laborers, shopkeepers, and merchants.

A deep impression was made upon a Domei reporter by elderly persons who by their peculiar garb undoubtedly came from the provinces. They prayed earnestly and audibly in the crowd that filled the space in front of the Imperial Palace.

The attention of the same reporter was arrested by a young man in the uniform of the Military Academy reading loudly from a piece of paper held up with both hands near the police station at the entrance to the Imperial Palace plaza. The reporter approached the man when he had finished reading and learned from him that he had been reading from the Imperial Instructions to Soldiers.

Parades Staged

One of the events in Tokyo in celebration of the Imperial Birthday was a march of troops and students of Army schools along the streets.

Students of the Army Tank School, Army Cavalry School, and Army Small Boys' Tank School, and troops of the Ninth Corps in the Eastern Military District, manning upward of 200 tanks, started from the Yoyogi parade ground at 10 a.m.

On the way, they split into two groups.

One group, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Ikoma, head of the student body of the Army Small Boys' Tank School, marched to Kameido by way of Aoyama 6-chome, Roppongi, Hamamatsucho, Shimbashi, and Morishitacho.

The other group, under Colonel Kurushima, superintendent of the students of the Army Cavalry School, also proceeded to Kameido, traversing a different course which lay along Koshukaido, Shinjiku, Kudan, Ueno, and Asakusa Park.

Today's Sports

FOOTBALL

Kanto Intercollegiate League games, Rikkyo vs. Hosei and Meiji vs. Nichidai, Korakuen stadium, 3 p.m.

An interesting twin-bill, Hosei vs. Rikkyo and Meiji vs. Nichidai will be offered to intercollegiate football followers today from 3 p.m. at the Korakuen stadium.

The second tilt of the afternoon features the season's debut of the classy Meiji eleven, the team that swept through all opposition last fall to cop the title.

While Nichidai will be the underdog against Meiji, the game promises to be a battle. Nichidai is a greatly improved team with ample reserves and are ready to stand up against the battering of the Surugadai boys.

Meiji's starting backfield is expected to have Inouye at quarter, the Yamahira brothers at the halfs and Captain Obana at full. The line will be steadied by such veterans as Wakatake, end, Ito and Isobe tackles and Nikaido guard.

The Hosei vs. Rikkyo tilt has two once defeated outfits hooked-up in what may prove to be one of the seasons highlights. Both elevens have enough key men to expect some brilliant football and the game appears a toss-up.

Colombia Plans E[illegible]

Domei

LISBON, April 27.—A [illegible]sage reaching here today discl[illegible] that the Government of Colombia is scheduled to hold its Presidential election on May 3.

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Nation's 15 Million Voters Going to Polls

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supreme command is solely in the hands of His Imperial Majesty and the Diet means an organ with which the members of the Diet assist the Imperial Rule.

"The system of Diet has been established since the very beginning of this country. The myth telling that numerous Gods assembled at Takamagahara to consult when Amaterasu Omikami hid herself in the Ama-no-Iwato, clearly symbolize the existence of the Diet system in that remote age.

"In his 17-Article Constitutional Code, Shotoku-Taishi declared that important matters should be discussed by general assembly. This political idea has been traditionally observed through all ages up to present.

"One of the Five Articles of the Imperial Oath, which the late Emperor Meiji graciously granted at the time of the Meiji Restoration, reads, 'All measures of government shall be decided by public opinion.'

Ten Vital Points

"On this occasion, I should like to express my opinion as to what sort of candidates should be elected. In my opinion, the following ten points must be considered by all the voters in selecting the candidates.

(1) Candidates who are keenly alive to the real idea of the Imperial Rescript and are fully imbued with the Japanese spirit.

(2) Those who have a deep insight into the general situation of the world and also into the foundation of the national policy of Japan.

(3) Those should be avoided who seek after their private profits making use of the post of the Members of the House of Representatives.

(4) The so-called political brokers should strictly be rejected.

(5) Those who are nationalists outwardly but inwardly worshippers of America and Britain should be avoided.

(6) Voters should reject the so-called "grafters."

(7) Those who are ready to lay their lives, if necessary, for the nation's cause.

(8) Candidates with fresh ideas and freed from conventionalism should be sent to the Diet.

(9) Those who are magnanimous enough to discard trifles to join the great current of the times.

(10) Voters are specially urged to select those who are really necessary for the country, discarding personal considerations.

"In short, the voters are requested to select candidates who are full of vigorous spirit and loyalty and are ready to give their all to the nation which is now facing the greatest emergency its history has ever known."

Gauss Reaches Calcutta

Domei

LISBON, April 28.—Clarence Gauss, United States Ambassador to Chungking, arrived today in Calcutta by air from Chungking, according to a New Delhi dispatch reaching here. The Ambassador will proceed to New Delhi tomorrow to meet Colonel Louis Johnson, United States special envoy to India, the report revealed.

Today's Press Comments

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

(Excerpts from important editorials which are appearing this morning in the leading vernaculars are published herewith. Translations of other editorials will be found daily in the Evening Edition of the Japan Times and Advertiser.)

General Election

HOCHI—The general election will be held today. The outcome of the contest will have far reaching effects on Japan which is conducting the war for the construction of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.

The meaning of the present general election will be clear from the statement made by Premier General Hideki Tojo on February 18. The motive of the Government in deciding to hold a general election at this moment when the country is engaged in the biggest war in the world's history was the desire to see the nation's best brains mobilized to bring the war to a glorious end.

Each voter going to the polls today will have an opportunity of assisting in the creation of conditions favorable to the successful execution of the nation's basic policy. The Government wants a new and fresh House to be elected. It is clear that the sort of House the Government has in mind is one made up of men ready to make sacrifices, however heavy, to make the nation's policy prevail. It is to be hoped that the voters will do their duty in a way which will insure a House which will be a positive aid to the policy for constructing the Greater East Asia Sphere.

India and Great Britain

MIYAKO—What will become of India? There is only guess-work about it yet. Japan, an outsider, is not particularly concerned about the development of this problem. As for Britain, however, it is quite probable that she is seriously concerned about this problem in the absence of any prospects of its satisfactory solution.

There are some Englishmen who are inclined to invite Indian representatives to England for a parley in order to arrive at a mutually-satisfactory agreement. We are informed, however, that none of the Indians are interested to accept any overture like this from Downing Street. Some Indians are so pessimistic over this problem that they hold it of no use to repeat such a conference with the British Government as they had with Cripps some time ago, while other Indians are so much excited as to favor hostile relations with Britain rather than submit to the British imperialism.

We really cannot speculate as to how things will develop in India. Yet we may safely predict the gradual downfall of the British Empire now that it has been kept at arm's length of India.

Can America and Britain Reconstruct Their Battle Array?

CHUGAI—Various sources reveal that the Allies are now desperately striving to reconstruct their battle array which has been miserably destroyed. Prime Minister Churchill submitted to Parliament a program for the establishment of a War Planning Headquarters. The contents of the program are not publicized yet, but at least the fact that Britain is struggling to recover her prestige is clear.

In middle April, General George Marshall, the Chief of the General Staff of the American Army, went to London together with Harry Hopkins, the Chief of the Production Planning Board, to confer with the British authorities. It is further reported that Dudley Pound, the Chief of the Naval General Staff of the British navy, accompanied General Marshall to Washington to hold a conference with the Naval authorities of the United States.

On the other hand, President Roosevelt, immediately after the return of General Marshall, interviewed the representatives of the Soviet Union, Chungking and Holland.

These facts clearly show how desperately these defeated countries are striving to rebuild their shattered formation.

Another source informs that there was recently held in Canberra, the capital of Australia, an Allied Military Conference, in which General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the anti-Axis Powers, the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Army and other "brains" of the army and navy, discussed plans for the defense of Australia and active counter-offensive against the Japanese Forces.

No matter how deliberately the crack brains of the Allied camp may map up a plan of campaign, however, the Allies will never be able to reconstruct their disposition. Even if they may succeed in building a passive defense-line, it is sure to be immediately shattered by the efficient Japanese Forces.

We will see with keen interest to what extent the reconstruction plan will be materialized.

It has been learned that Britain, though her war front is now extended to various parts of the world, is expecting to decide her fate in the battlefield in the European Continent. Her program of forming the second war front in the European Continent shows this intention of Britain. Under the present circumstances, it is surmised that the success or failure of forming the second war front in the European Continent will testify the success or failure of reconstructing the battle array of Britain.

Nippon Troops Seize Huge Quantity of Sugar in Philippines

Domei

ILOILO, April 28.—As a result of successful operations in Panay Island, the Japanese troops have gained a huge quantity of sugar amounting to 630,000 bales, it was revealed here today. Other items captured include 41 rifles, 63 ships and junks, 86 motor-cars, 38 trucks, 3 tractors, 2,200 bales of rice. In the operations, 50 enemy dead were found on the battlefields, while four Japanese were killed and 40 slightly wounded.

U.S. Restricts Air Mail

Transocean

LISBON, April 19.—Severe restrictions in connection with the air mail service to foreign countries were introduced today by the United States authorities. Details are hitherto unavailable.

Indonesian People Given Many Favors

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taxation affairs. To deal with affairs concerning the monopolies, opium bureau, salt bureau, salt receiving offices and opium manufacturing plants commenced their business. Besides the foregoing, a bureau to control the pawn broking business, together with officially-managed pawn shops were opened.

All of these bureaus and other offices are under the control and supervision of the Administrative Department of the Imperial Forces in the East Indies.

Rules annexed to the proclamation suspend payments against orders of payment issued by the former Netherlands East Indies Government, payments of the principals of and interest on bonds issued by the former Netherlands East Indies Government, payments of pensions or annuities which were receivable from the former Netherlands East Indies Government and payments against orders of payment issued by government offices in areas other than Java and Madura islands.

It is further stipulated that the Japanese treasury offices will receive payments only in the guilder military notes issued by the Imperial Army, auxiliary aluminum coins issued by the Japanese Government (10 sen, 5 sen and 1 sen) and the former guilder currency.

With respect to taxation affairs, the rules, among other things, provide that, notifications of tax impositions issued by the former Netherlands East Indies are valid as they are regarded as having been issued by the offices under the Japanese military administration. Opium smoking permits issued by the former Netherlands East Indies Government are also considered valid, according to the rules.

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